

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 749

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dean Dickey on his election as Mayor of Columbia.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Dean Dickey, who was elected Mayor of Columbia in that city's most recent election, held January 7, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Campbellsville High School, Mr. Dickey nobly served in the United States Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, a forty-eight-year veteran of the retail food industry, Mr. Dickey owned and operated seven supermarkets in middle Tennessee from 1973 to 1997, during which time he maintained a leadership role in daily operations leading as many as 300 associates; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dickey has also held management positions for the Tennessee Department of Labor and has served as the Business Services Manager at the Maury County Career Center and as the City of Columbia Council Member for Ward 4; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Mr. Dickey has served as a board member of the National Grocers Association and the Columbia State Foundation and as Chairman of the Million Dollar Endowment Drive for Columbia State Community College; he also helped establish the Tennessee Grocers Association and the Tennessee Grocers Education Foundation, which honored him with a scholarship endowment, the H. Dean Dickey Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dickey is an active community leader, serving as a trustee for Baptist Healing Trust and as a member of many organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce,

United Way, American Red Cross, and the Kiwanis Club of Columbia; he is also a faithful member of Zion Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, his professional achievements aside, Dean Dickey is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Joann, their two children, Debbie Nolen and Mike Dickey, and their five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, devoted to the highest ideals of public service, Dean Dickey epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dickey has chosen to follow one of the highest paths of public service, elected office, and for his recent victory in Columbia's mayoral race, he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dean Dickey on his election as Mayor of Columbia and wish him all the best as embarks on his tenure of service to the people of his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.